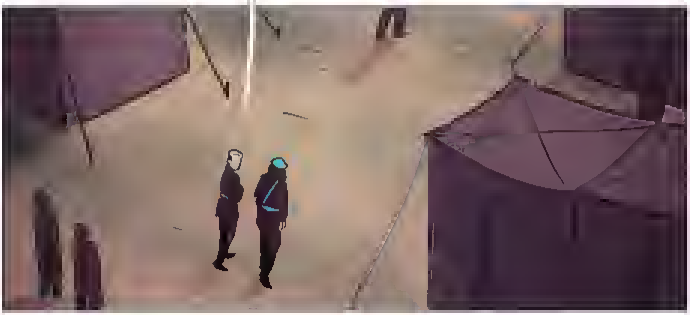
UNDER THE AEGIS

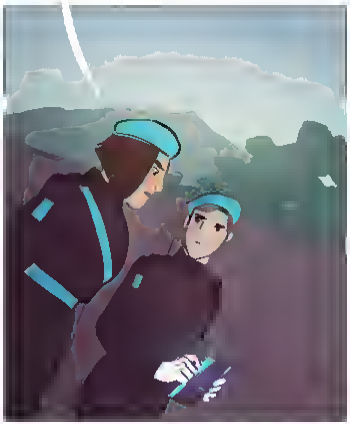
BY VIMEODIEE

THE FENN HAVE CIRCLED BASILEIA AND ARE A DAY AWAY FROM REACHING THE DESERT BORDER. THE MOONBORN HAVE SET UP IN THE TUNNELS A FEW MILES FROM HERE.

THE TEMPLANS ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FROM THE WEST, SHOULD WE NEED IT.



THALASSANS ARE SCOUTING THE COASTLINE, EIDENS IN THE SKY... CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT 'EM YET.



OUR TROOPS BY THE COAST CAN KEEP AN EYE ON THE EIDENS AND THALASSANS

THEY'LL USE THIS DISTRACTION MAYBE TRY TO GET ACROSS OUR BORDERS WHILE WE'RE BUSY WATCHING THE CAT-FIGHT

FOR NOW. WE GIVE THE CITY A BUFFER BETWEEN THE FENN AND THE MOONBORN...

AND HOPE THEY TIRE EACH OTHER OUT WITHOUT BRINGING US INTO THEIR MESS

WE GO IN AFTER EVERYONE HAS LEFT FOR HOME
MATTIE AND SHILOH, YOU ENTER TOGETHER AND GROUP WITH SAM AND SIENNA AT THE SOUTH-WEST CORRIDOR

ACCORDING TO THE OLD MAP OF UNDERGROUND CAVES, THERE SHOULD BE A TUNNEL CLOSE BY

I'LL TAKE THE EAST ENTRANCE. THERE'S ANOTHER TUNNEL HOPEFULLY IT HASN'T CAVED IN

YOU'RE GOING IN ALONE?

BETTER THAT WAY.

DUDE.. WHAT IF THE ASSASSINS ARE IN THERE AND GRAB YOU LIKE LAST TIME?
IF I..LOSE CONTROL, I'D RATHER IT BE WITH THEM THAN AROUND YOU..

AND SO WE'RE CLEAR. DON'T TRY TO CALM ME DOWN. I WON'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE AND I'LL HURT YOU. JUST GET AS FAR AWAY AS YOU CAN.
WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE YOU--!

YES YOU CAN WE NEED TO FOCUS ON WHAT'S AT STAKE MATTIE

I'LL HOLD MY OWN UNTIL I CAN SNAP OUT OF IT

GAWAIN, YOU CAN GET THERE FASTER IF YOU FLY. MATTIE WILL LEAVE THE ROOF EXIT OPEN FOR YOU TO GET IN

NEN, THERE ARE A FEW DEEP SEA TUNNELS THAT LEAD INTO THE CITY. THESE PASS RIGHT UNDER THE HALL OF SYNEDRION. FIND ONE YOU CAN USE.

SHILOH WILL SEND AN IMAGE ONCE EVERYONE ELSE HAS GAINED ENTRY, SO UNTIL THEN, TRY TO NAVIGATE AS BEST YOU CAN

WE COULD DISCUSS ALTERNATIVES IF YOU TWO WOULD RATHER NOT MAKE THE JOURNEY SEPARATELY--

IT'S OKAY. I CAN GO IT ALONE.

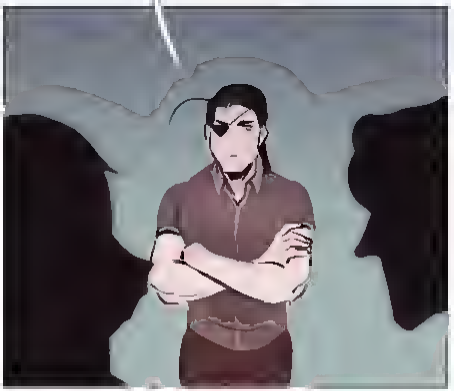
GAWAIN?

YEAH.

YEAH. I'M GOOD TOO.

...ALRIGHT. GOOD.

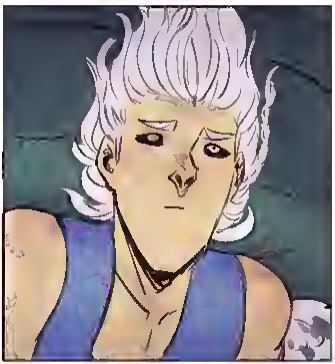
WE NEED TO BE FOCUSED AND IN SYNC. UNDERSTAND?

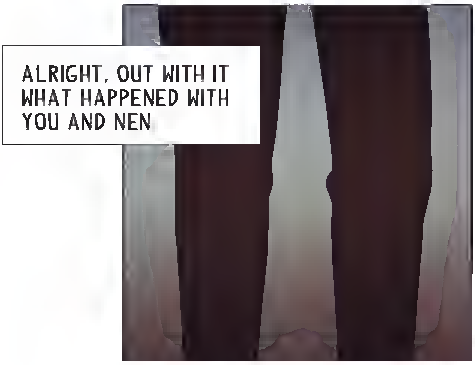


IF ALL GOES WELL, WE RETRIEVE SHILOH'S STAFF AND GET BACK IN ONE PIECE.

AFTER THAT, WE WORK ON FINDING ARGUS AND FIGURING OUT WHERE THE SITE OF THE RITUAL IS.

AND IF IT GOES SOUR
RETREAT AND REGROUP
AND TRY NOT TO DIE...




ALRIGHT, OUT WITH IT
WHAT HAPPENED WITH
YOU AND NEN

ME AND NEN? NAHHH,
NOTHING'S HAPPENING.

I'M NOT AN IDIOT, GAWAIN

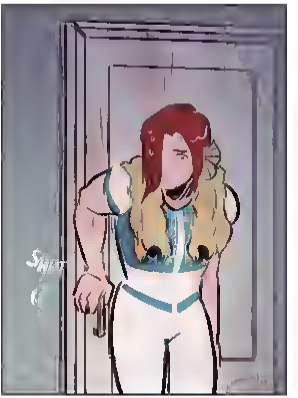
WHATEVER'S GOING ON NEEDS TO STOP BY THE TIME WE GO TO THE SYNEDRION--

RELAX, POPS. IT'S NOTHING. WE'RE GOOD.

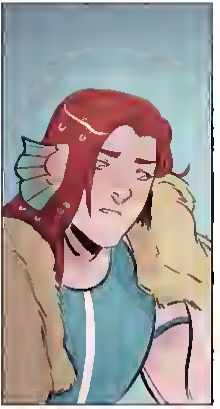
FINE.

I CAN HEAR HIM COMING IN NOW, BY THE WAY.

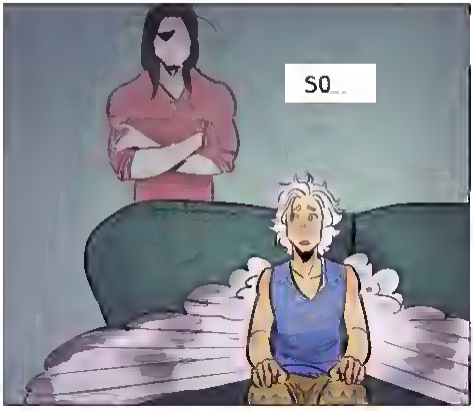
WHAT!



H-HEY MAN. UH...WATER MUST BE PRETTY COLD TODAY. HUH?



YEAH PRETTY COLD

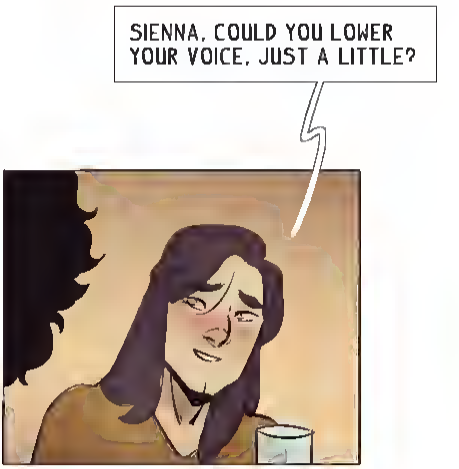

SO...

WHO WANTS BEER?!

LET'S TOAST! WHAT SHALL WE TOAST TO?

TO FINDING SHILOH'S STAFF AND BEATING UP SOME BAD GUYS!
TO ARGUS' HEALTH.
TO EVERY WIELDER EVER 'CUZ THIS JOB *SUCKS*!

THIS IS GOOD, GOOD GHATIKAN BEER!


SIENNA, COULD YOU LOWER YOUR VOICE, JUST A LITTLE?

OKAY BUT ONLY 'CUZ YOU ASKED AND 'CUZ YOU'RE SO *CUTE*
Giggle

I DON'T WANNA RUIN THE MOOD, BUT I'M...KINDA SCARED OF WHAT'S COMING...Y'KNOW?

THE RITUAL, THE ASSASSINS WHAT IF WE HAVE TO KILL PEOPLE? I AIN'T KILLED ANYONE BEFORE.

THE FIRST TIME IS THE HARDEST. THEN IT'S JUST SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO DO TO AVOID GETTING KILLED YOURSELF.
IN OUR CASE, WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT SIX OTHER LIVES TOO, NOT JUST OUR OWN.

I GUESS...

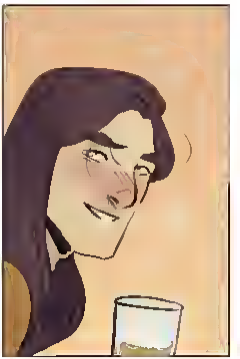
HEY, IF YOU WEREN'T A WIELDER, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOIN'?

MMM. I DON'T KNOW. I ENJOYED BOXING...AND I LIKED THE ARMY. I WOULD'VE WANTED TO TRAIN PEOPLE OR TEACH SOMETHING.

I WANT TO BE ABLE TO HUNT AND HIKE AND BE WITH MY FAMILY.

JUST GIVE ME A BIG HOUSE, A BIG GARDEN AND PRIME GAME!

THEN IT IS FORTUNATE THAT I HAVE A BIG HOUSE AND A BIG GARDEN IN TEMPLOS

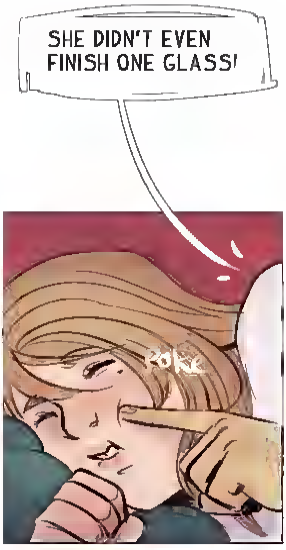


THE PRIME GAME WOULD BE ME

DAMNIT, I LOVE YOU

JEEZ, GET A ROOM!

HOW 'BOUT YOU, MATT--?

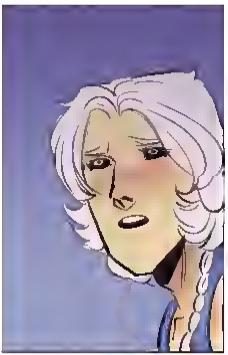

SHE DIDN'T EVEN FINISH ONE GLASS!
POKE

I'D STILL BE THE PRINCE. BUT I'D MAKE SURE I'M A FUN ONE.
SHILOH?
I HAVEN'T REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT. EVER SINCE I FOUND OUT I WAS A WIELDER. THAT'S ALL I'VE WANTED TO BE.
BUT MAYBE BREWING BEER WOULDN'T BE A BAD IDEA!

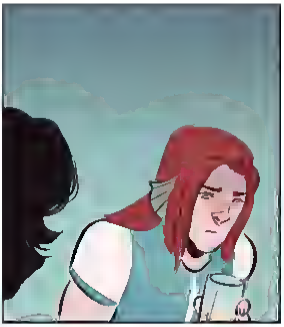
UHH, SHILOH, THAT'S A WHOLE JUG.
THE GLASSES ARE TOO SMALL.

AAAAH!

I'M SORRY...



YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGISE, BRO.
THEN WHY ARE YOU MAKIN' ME FEEL LIKE I GOTTA?



fill it up!